THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

Weekly Village News

Week Ending: Friday, May 1, 2015

THE LIONS BAY 55+ CLUB

The Village is pleased to welcome Karen Jeffery to the temporary part-time, grant-funded role of Age Friendly Program Coordinator. Karen will oversee the activities associated with the grant-funded Age Friendly Program activities.

We are planning some exciting activities in May! Please complete the form called "May 2015 Proposed Programs" on the Village website home page if you would like to join, or let us know if you have any suggestions or would like to facilitate a presentation for the group.

The program runs 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday in the Village Hall, with some new activities being sourced for additional dates and times. View the calendar on the Village website for upcoming Age Friendly Program events.

Please register your attendance for weekly events with kjeffrey@lionsbay.ca so that we may plan set up and refreshments accordingly.

UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council Strategy Committee – May 5, 2015 at 3pm
Regular Council – May 5, 2015 at 7pm
Special Council – May 12, 2015 at 7pm
Infrastructure Committee – May 11, 2015 at 7pm
Bylaw & Policy Review – May 18, 2015 at 7pm

All of the above mentioned meetings will take place in Council Chambers. Remember, the Village office stays open until 6:30 p.m. on Regular Council Meeting days to serve you better!

INFRASTRUCTURE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Have a question for the Infrastructure Committee? Please send it to feedback@lionsbay.ca with the subject line "Infrastructure Q&A".

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

The Public Works Department's spring water main flushing program is officially completed, ahead of schedule. Thank you to residents for the ongoing cooperation and understanding throughout this work.

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ERIN MOORE TRAILBLAZER CHALLENGE



With Erin's love for our local trails to inspire us, please join the Lions Bay Girl Guide units along with Erin's family and friends on the Trailblazer Challenge hike, followed by a celebration at Lions Bay Beach.

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2015
Start Time: 2:00 p.m. – Hike from Lions Bay School
End Time: 3:30 p.m. – Celebration at Lions Bay Beach
Dress Code: Colorful, mismatched and sparkly

All families are welcome!

LAST REMINDER – SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIONS BAY STUDENTS

If you are a Lions Bay Grade 12 student intending to pursue post-secondary education, you are invited to apply for consideration for a Scholarship available in the Village under the aegis of the Curly Stewart Memorial Trust Fund, the Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation, and the Norman Kirby Scholarship Fund. If you are a student already enrolled at a post-secondary institution, you may also be eligible for a scholarship. Visit the Village website home page to download the application, or drop by the Village Office to pick-up a copy. **The deadline to submit your application is coming up fast: on or before May 4, 2015.**



BACKYARD SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

In order for the backyard swim program to proceed this year, the program needs a coordinator. If you are interested in this volunteer role, please contact Hayley Cook (accounting@lionsbay.ca) for more information.

FLOWER POT DAY

The first of May is Flower Pot Day! For more details, see the flyer on the Village website home page.

REPORT WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS



There have been recent reports of coyote sightings in the Village. As a reminder, it is imperative to report wildlife sightings to the RAPP line. The operator will ask very specific questions about your encounter – this is why it is extremely important for the witness to **contact the RAPP line directly at 1-877-952-7277**. For information on what to do if you spot wildlife in the Village, please visit our wildlife page on the website.

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VANDALISM AT KELVIN GROVE PUBLIC WASHROOMS

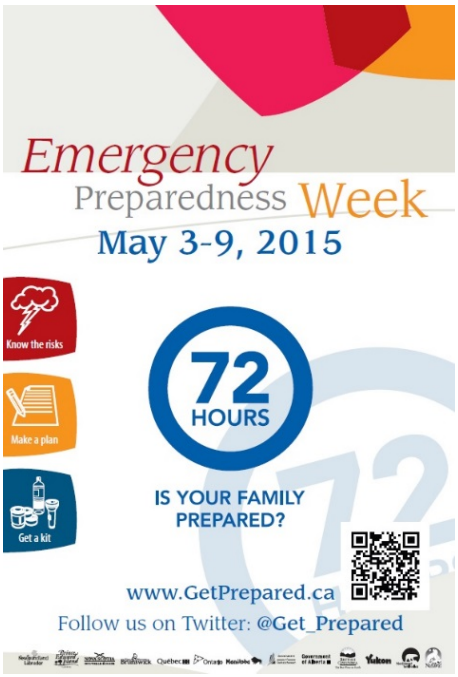
We are sorry to advise of a recent act of vandalism at the Kelvin Grove public washrooms where the sink in the ladies washroom was destroyed. Please be vigilant in keeping eyes out in your neighbourhood for suspicious activity and report it to the RCMP. If you have any information about this specific event, please contact the Village Office.



REPORT BYLAW VIOLATIONS

Despite the Bylaw Enforcement Officer position only being staffed on a part-time, seasonal basis, key Village staff are also qualified to act as enforcement officers where it may be necessary. However, staff can't act on bylaw concerns if we aren't aware of them. If you see a bylaw infraction occurring which causes you concern, please report it to the Village office. All reports are kept confidential. In most cases, a warning letter to the offending party is sufficient to address the issue, and there is little need for further enforcement action.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK is May 2-9, 2015. This is a good time to refresh your "preparedness mind" with the following publications:

Emergency Preparedness guide from the Village website
One Step at a Time – A guide from the EMBC site

LIFE BAGGIES

Residents can expect a volunteer to drop by their homes with a LIFE Baggie during Emergency Preparedness Week. Please note that LIFE Baggies will not be left if no one is home, therefore if you do not receive one, please pick one up at the Village office during business hours. Additional LIFE Baggie forms can be printed on the Village website under the "Emergency Info → Emergency Services" tab. For questions about the LIFE Baggies, please contact Ingrid Wray at 604-921-8752 or Sally Pollock at 604-921-9739.

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SPECIAL EVENT PARKING PASSES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Residents may purchase these one-day parking passes for their visitors, valid for use in Resident Only zones, using a Visa or MasterCard. Tickets cost $1 each and are subject to a service fee (charged by the host website; the Village does not receive any portion of the service fee).
Once the online purchase has been completed, the parking passes can be printed out for display in vehicle windows. To purchase passes online, click here.

Note: passes must be visible in vehicle windows to avoid potential bylaw enforcement action.

WARNING: LONGBOARDERS IN THE VILLAGE

Resident submission:

"As I was walking down from Sunset Dr. to the waterfront, last weekend, I was stunned to see some kids "boarding" at great speeds through 4 sharp and poor visibility corners, from Sunset down to the Lions Bay School.

The boarder was wearing a helmet and glove. However, his friend was not, and was actually lying face down in the centre of the road at the junction of Bayview Rd. and Mountain Dr., with a camera sitting atop a rock, taking photos of this high risk activity.

Anyone driving up the hill would not stand much of a chance to avoid a collision. It would change a lot of people's lives in a split second."

While Village bylaws do not prohibit the use of skateboards (while wearing a helmet), we wish to take this opportunity to caution against the high-risk sport of longboarding on our Village roads, in light of the safety concerns not only for long-boarders but also for drivers and pedestrians. If you are familiar with residents who may be using Village streets for longboarding, please share these safety concerns with them. Please also report any imminent safety concerns to the Village office.

"I LOVE LIONS BAY" PHOTO CONTEST



The "I Love Lions Bay" Photo Contest starts today; MAY 1 TO MAY 22! It's open to all…please encourage your teens and kids to enter! What a great way to show why we all Love Lions Bay. We're giving away over $1000 in prize money (prizes in all age groups), donated by our generous sponsors and local business owners: Andrea Klas Fitness, Ami McKay Pure Interior Design, Kim Taylor Real Estate, Mortgage Dave Bruynesteyn, Mike Jury from Ideal Propery Works and Steve's Trees. Contest Details, Entry Form and Release Forms are on the Village website. You can also email hellolionsbay@gmail.com or councillor.waterson@lionsbay.ca for more information.